

To: Michael Bastasch[mike@dailycallernewsfoundation.org]
From: Purchia, Liz
Sent: Mon 8/10/2015 7:47:48 PM
Subject: RE: EPA mine spill

Yes

USGS measured increased flows at a streamgage starting at about 12:30 p.m. and ending about 7:15 p.m. This resulted in a provisional calculated flow volume of 3,043,067 gallons discharged from the Gold King Mine. The EPA's original estimate of 1 million gallons discharged from the Gold King Mine was based on an estimate of the size of the adit. A streamgage is an instrument that measures volume by measuring flow, which is much more precise.

<http://www2.epa.gov/region8/gold-king-mine-release-emergency-response>

From: Michael Bastasch [mailto:mike@dailycallernewsfoundation.org]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 3:46 PM
To: Purchia, Liz
Subject: Re: EPA mine spill

Hey, so did the mine actually release 3 million gallons or is that just a guess? Could it actually be more?

On Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 12:53 PM, Michael Bastasch <mike@dailycallernewsfoundation.org> wrote:

Ok, would you be able to find out? Or is there someone I should get in touch with??

On Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 12:51 PM, Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

I don't believe so

From: Michael Bastasch [mailto:mike@dailycallernewsfoundation.org]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 12:50 PM
To: Purchia, Liz
Subject: Re: EPA mine spill

Thanks. So is this the first time EPA has tried to plug these mines?

On Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 12:44 PM, Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

See this story <http://www.kunc.org/post/why-was-environmental-protection-agency-messing-mine-above-silverton>

From: Michael Bastasch [mailto:mike@dailycallernewsfoundation.org]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 12:42 PM
To: Purchia, Liz
Subject: EPA mine spill

Hey Liz,

I've been told by some people who have been visiting the area where Gold King Mine is located for years that the color of the water isn't anything new -- it generally has orangy-yellow color for years. Is this true? Also I've been told that the agency has been trying to stop mine flows in the region with concrete plugs for the last decade or so. Can you confirm this?

Please let me know ASAP. My deadline is 1:30 pm EST. Thanks!

Best,

Mike

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